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## Palmento Costanzo “Nero di Sei”

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**Winery:** Palmento Costanzo  
**Category:** Wine – Still – Red  
**Grape Variety:** 80% Nerello Mascalese, 20% Nerello Cappuccio  
**Region:** Mount Etna/ Sicily/ Italy  
**Vineyard:** Estate  
**Winery established:** 2010  
**Feature:** Organic



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## Product Information

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**Soil:** Black, brownish volcanic sands and volcanic rocks. Rich in organic substances

**Altitude:** 2,300 feet

**Age of Vines:** 30-120 years

**Vinification & Yield:** Fermentation takes place in 50HL troncoconic wooden tanks; maceration of about 20 days with pumping over twice a day. The wine is aged 24 months in 30-50HL oak barrels. 1 year of bottle ageing before release. Average yield: 0.7 kg / vine; 40 Hl / Ha

**Tasting Note:** Austere nose, thin, with notes of rhubarb, stalk grapes, licorice root, black pepper as well as red berries like raspberry; after few minutes in the glass it suggests a delicate note of wet hay. The palate is still austere, hard, mineral with returns of rhubarb and wild herbs liqueur

**Production:** 9,000 bottles

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## Producer Information

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The Palmento Costanzo vineyards are inside the Mount Etna national park, on the northern slopes of Mount Etna, in Contrada Santo Spirito, Passopisciaro. The vivid airs and colors of the area are testimony to their location close to the most active volcano in Europe. This is a unique, elemental and diverse terrain, capped by a volcano that reached up to 11,000 feet. The winery totals seven vineyards spread over 35 acres of land situated between 1,950 to 2,600 feet above sea level. The vines are planted on typical terraces supported by dry walls and in the volcanic stones. About 50,000 vines are trained in the ancient Greek bush system, with ages ranging up to 120 years old. The vineyards are farmed exclusively using manual viticulture and following the principles of organic agriculture. The cellar, locally known as Palmento was meticulously restored using a design to safeguard the Etna landscape and to reproduce as much as possible, the traditional winemaking process of the area. Starting with the 2011 vintage, Mimmo and Valeria Costanzo craft their wines helped by a team of young, motivated and local workers.